

REPORT  
OF THE VARIOUS  
BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MENDON,  
INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
FOR THE  
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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned, Treasurer of the town of Mendon for the municipal year 1883, respectfully submits the following report of his doings for the consideration of the town.

The Treasurer *debts* himself with the following items, viz :

1. To assets at last settlement, viz :		
Deposit Milford National Bank.....	\$702 60	
"    Home National Bank.....	743 72	
Checks and cash in hand.....	416 77	
	————	\$1863 09
2. To amount borrowed on notes, viz :		
Of William H. Aldrich at 5 per cent.....	\$500 00	
Samuel H. Taft      "      "      .....	339 30	
Julius A. George   "      "      .....	500 00	
	————	\$1339 30
3. To amount received from Collector, viz :		
From collector of 1882, balance.....	\$55 27	
"      "      1883, in part.....	6662 87	
	————	\$6718 14
4. To amount from Miscellaneous sources, viz :		
Balance corporation tax, 1882.....	\$11 81	
Rent of Mendon pond, Dr. Russell.....	50 00	
Pedlar's license, E. A. Willard.....	6 00	
B. Alley,      "      J. C. Wood.....	2 00	
Auctioneer's license, S. W. Cook.....	2 00	
Oil sold, G. B. Williams.....	2 32	
State Aid reimbursed, State Treasurer...	96 00	
Aid Indigent soldiers      "      "      ...	90 91	
National Bank tax      "      "      ...	507 84	
Corporation tax      "      "      ...	276 96	
Income State School fund, State Treasurer	220 93	
Corporation tax, balance      "      "	11 57	
Lantern sold, H. C. Adams.....	1 25	
Cash balance, A. W. Judson.....	3 42	
Two stone posts, D Adams.....	2 00	
Library Catalogues, M. E. Dndley.....	4 90	
Division Dog tax, County Treasurer.....	101 84	
	————	\$1391 75
Amount debits .....		\$11,312 28

The Treasurer *credits* himself with the following items, viz :

1. By payment of a Bond, viz :

To John S. Gaskill, No. 96.....:	\$1000 00
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2. By payment of Notes, viz :

Wm. H. Aldrich.....	\$500 00
Samuel H. Taft.....	339 30
Julius A. George.....	500 00
	<hr/> \$1339 30

3. By payment of interest on bonds and notes, viz :

Austin Wood.....	\$ 12 50
John G. Metcalf.....	25 00
N. R. George.....	67 50
S. H. Taft.....	10 37
A. C. Thompson.....	3 50
Wm H. Aldrich .....	17 77
Julius A. George.....	15 00
J. S. Gaskill, Coupon No. 96.....	50 00
Sarah Metcalf, " 94.....	15 00
Austin Wood " 103.....	35 00
D. O. Aldrich " 101.....	25 00
Ann Quigley, " 100.....	25 00
Julius A. George, " 97-99.....	150 00
Sarah Moffett, " 102.....	15 00
A. C. Thompson, " 104.....	30 00
	<hr/> \$ 496 64

4. By abatement of taxes, viz :

" " " 1882.....	\$4 00
" " " 1883.....	83 61
	<hr/> \$87 61

5. By payment of taxes, viz :

State tax of 1883.....	\$540 00
County tax of 1883.....	483 00
	<hr/> \$1023 00

6. By National Bank tax refunded to State	11 29
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7. By paying 130 town orders.....	4952 31
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By assets in hand, viz :

Deposit Home National Bank.....	\$1802 05
" Milford " " .....	289 52
Check on Home " " .....	280 00
Cash in hand.....	30 56
	<hr/> \$2402 13

Amount credits.....	<hr/> \$11,312 28
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## BONDS OUTSTANDING MARCH 3, 1884.

Sarah Metcalf,	due in 1884.	No. 94.....	\$300 00
Julius A. George,	“ “	“ 97.....	1000 00
Julius A. George,	“ “	“ 99.....	2000 00
Ann Quigley,	“ “	“ 100.....	500 00
Est. of D. O. Aldrich,	“ 1885	“ 101.....	500 00
Sarah Moffett,	“ 1886	“ 102.....	300 00
Austin Wood,	“ “	“ 103.....	700 00
A. C. Thompson,	“ 1887	“ 104.....	600 00
Amount.....			<hr/> \$5900 00

## NOTES OUTSTANDING MARCH 3, 1884.

A. C. Thompson.....	\$ 70 00
N. R. George.....	1500 00
J. G. Metcalf.....	200 00
J. G. Metcalf.....	300 00
Austin Wood.....	250 00
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\$2320 00	

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. METCALF, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 10, 1884.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 3, 1884 :

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### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Charles H. Allen, enumerating scholars.....	\$1 50
J. A. George, painting, etc., fence at Library....	7 85
A. C. Chilson, " " " .....	19 37
W. H. Hooker, " fenceposts " .....	3 00
Francis F. Taft, setting arch at Library.....	9 24
J. L. Buxton, repairs of arch at Library.....	3 10
J. A. George, freight and expenses on arch at Library...	65
T. G. Kent, iron safe.....	15 00
A. W. Judson, returning 17 deaths.....	4 25
Dr. J. Wilmarth, returning birth.....	25
Wendel Williams, sawing wood at Record Rooms.....	75
Dr. J. M. French, returning 3 births.....	75
David Adams, cash paid for express.....	3 69
" " school books furnished.....	16 58
" " storage of fire extinguisher.....	12 00
G. B. Williams, cash paid for sundries.....	3 16
A. W. Gaskill, labor on old cemetery.....	2 08
" " wood for Library.....	2 25
F. Worcester, highway damage .....	15 00
Samuel H. Taft, Treas. Taft Public Library.....	135 00
N. G. Daniels, Exr., Mortgage note on Hayward Farm..	154 37
L. A. Cook, fuel for Town Hall.....	15 50
	<hr/> \$425 34

### REPAIRS OF TOWN HALL.

Eldredge & Beatty, papering and materials.....	33 25
John Taft, plastering and materials .....	6 00
Thomas Strahan, paper.....	14 16
Eben Williams, cleaning hall.....	1 25
Robert T. Williams, repairing windows and furniture of hall.....	6 50
	<hr/> \$61 16

## PRINTING.

Cook & Sons, town reports, 1883.....	35 50
“ “ ballots.....	50
“ “ supplements to Library catalogue.....	25 00
“ “ labels for Library.....	1 50
“ “ Selectmen's blank orders.....	4 00
George W. Stacy, school reports, 1883.....	30 00
“ “ tax bills.....	2 25
“ “ tax notices.....	1 25
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	\$100 00.

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

William W. Nelson, repairs and supplies for No. 1.....	3 87
A. W. Judson, “ “ “ “ 2.....	75
Edward Dixon, “ “ “ “ 2.....	1 50
Lowell C. Cook, “ “ “ “ 3.....	87
G. F. Merrill & Co., erasers.....	6 00
Samuel H. Taft, woodhouse for No. 6.....	57 30
Edward Dixon, supplies.....	17 76
“ “ exchange of school books.....	54 86
“ “ supplies for No. 2.....	3 18
John C. Wood, “ “ “ 5.....	1 43
Samuel H. Taft, “ “ “ 6.....	2 25
H. A. Aldrich, “ “ several schools.....	3 27
Edward L. Smith, use of well for No. 2.....	7 00
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	\$160 04

## SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

George F. Clark, salary as supt. of schools 1882-83....	75 00
Liberty Freeman, “ “ collector of taxes 1883.....	65 00
A. W. Judson, assessing taxes of 1883 and making duplicate list.....	45 00
Austin Wood, assessing taxes of 1883.....	35 00
Henry E. Staples, assessing taxes of 1883.....	24 25
D. Adams, town clerk, for recording, etc.....	19 30
Martin Thayer, services as constable for 1883-4.....	15 00
“ “ “ “ lockup keeper “.....	5 00
G. B. Williams, “ “ selectman “.....	38 40
Liberty Freeman, “ “ “ “.....	15 00
A. W. Gaskill, “ “ “ “.....	15 00
J. G. Metcalf, “ “ treasurer “.....	35 00
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	\$386 95

## STATE AID PAID PENSIONERS—CHAP. 301, ACTS 1879.

John Curley.....	48 00
Abigail Mitchell.....	48 00
James McKenna.....	9 00
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	\$105 00

## AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS—CHAP. 252, ACTS 1879.

Abel G. Weatherhead.....	\$15 72
Hugh Crawford.....	30 28
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	\$46 00

## SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

## No. 1.

Mary L. Taft, 3 bills.....	\$178 00
William W. Nelson, care of fires.....	2 50
“ “ “ wood and fitting.....	15 00
“ “ “ cleaning rooms.....	2 00
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	\$197 50

## No. 2.

## PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR.

Mary E. Dudley, three bills.....	\$178 00
Isabel C. Cook, three bills.....	178 00
J. F. Pickering, sawing wood.....	75
E. F. Wood, sawing wood.....	6 75
William W. Nelson, wood.....	5 50
Edward H. Taft, wood.....	24 50
Edward Dixon, shavings and cleaning rooms.....	3 10
C. C. P. Hastings, care of fires.....	6 00
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	\$402 60

## No. 3.

Bertha Gaskill, three bills.....	\$140 00
Bertha Gaskill, care of fires.....	6 00
Lowell C. Cook, wood.....	14 87
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	\$160 87

## No. 4.

Cora E. Gaskill, three bills.....	\$178 00
Frederick Bates, fuel and fitting.....	9 60
Frederick Bates, care of fires.....	1 00
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	\$188 60

## No. 5.

Annie W. Gaskill, two bills.....	\$90 00
Hattie E. Mason.....	50 00
John C. Wood, fuel and fitting.....	9 25
John C. Wood, care of fires.....	2 00
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	\$151 25

## No. 6.

W. Frank Hayward.....	\$48 00
Dora Taft.....	60 00
Samuel H. Taft, fuel and fitting.....	9 00
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	\$117 00

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Walter S. Bosworth, (old bill).....	\$165 00
S. W. Ferguson, three bills.....	220 00
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	\$385 00

## REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES, CURRENT YEAR.

Paid Road Commissioners by six town orders drawn in their favor.....	\$1185 00
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor by eight town orders drawn in their favor .....	\$880 00
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## RECAPITULATION.

Incidental expenses.....	\$425 34
Repairs of Town Hall.....	61 16
Printing.....	100 00
Repairs of schoolhouses and supplies.....	160 04
Services of town officers.....	386 95
State Aid paid pensioners, chap. 301.....	105 00
“ “ indigent soldiers, chap. 252.....	46 00
Support of Common schools.....	1217 82
“ “ High school.....	385 00
“ “ Roads and bridges.....	1185 00
“ “ Poor.....	880 00
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	\$4952 31

The Selectmen also report that the liabilities of the town, known to them, are as follows :

Due on bills against the town, estimated....	\$ 25 00
Due town officers, estimated.....	140 00
Due school teachers, estimated.....	180 00
Due on town notes outstanding .....	2320 00
Due on town bonds “ .....	5900 00
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	\$8565 00

The available assets, so far as known, are as follows :.....

Due from collector on list of 1883.....	\$ 119 20
Due from State, aid to pensioners one year, to Jan. 1, 1884.....	96 00
Due from State, aid to indigent soldiers one year, to Jan. 1, 1884.....	3 86
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	2402 13
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	\$2621 19

Net indebtedness of town.....\$5943 81

Respectfully submitted,

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,	
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	

Mendon, Feb. 20, 1884.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1882.

DR.

Balance uncollected, Feb. 21, 1883.....	\$29 34
Deposit in Home Bank, Milford.....	17 00
Interest received.....	8 93
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	\$55 27

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By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$51 27	
Abatements.....	400—	\$55 27

LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1883.

DR.

Taxes committed for collection.....	\$6722 79
Additional assessments.....	24 24
Interest received.....	35 04
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	\$6782 07

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By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$6579 26
Abatements .....	83 61
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	\$6662 87
Balance due the Town.....	119 20
Cash on hand.....	28 99
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Balance uncollected February 19, 1884.....	\$90 21

## REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

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The undersigned, Road Commissioners, respectfully submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 3, 1884.

The Road Commissioners charge themselves with the following items, viz :

To the balance due Town March 5, 1883.....	\$30 30
To cash received for old plank.....	2 00
For use of road scraper.....	11 00
To cash received on Town orders.....	1185 00
	\$1228 30

They credit themselves by paying the following bills :

George M. Taft, for labor.....	\$ 4 50
W. S. Hastings, for labor.....	8 25
Walter A. Gaskill, 2 bills.....	53 15
C. B. Williams, 2 bills.....	204 75
O. W. Hill, 1 bill for labor.....	79 50
George W. Taft for road scraper.....	175 00
Bartlett & Ellis, 1 bill.....	16 70
Gilbert Gaskill, 2 bills.....	21 00
L. P. Cummings, 2 bills.....	23 55
Edward H. Taft, 1 bill.....	30 84
W. W. Nelson, 1 bill.....	7 20
G. A. Staples, 1 bill.....	35 25
E. T. Bates, 1 bill.....	30 96
Edward Dudley for gravel.....	3 75
Silas Dudley for labor.....	2 25
S. W. Smith for labor.....	3 75
M. M. Aldrich, for labor.....	5 62
Dennis Halloran, for labor.....	4 20
John Barry, 1 bill.....	7 89
F. H. Wood, for labor and cash paid out.....	85 88
S. H. Taft, for labor and cash paid out.....	169 76
A. W. Gaskill for labor, and cash paid as per bill.....	171 82

Paying Williams boys, 3 bills .....	11 25
To cash paid for labor and material on special repairs near house of Eli Bates .....	84 65
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Whole amount paid out .....	\$1241 47
Amount received by Commissioners .....	1228 30
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Balance due Commissioners .....	\$13 17

Our machine is as good now as when purchased.

SAMUEL H. TAFT,	}	Road
ALBERT W. GASKILL,		Commissioners
ELIAS T. BATES.		of Mendon.

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 3, 1884.

Elijah Penniman, Lawrence Wilber and Mary Hayward have received a full support. Olive Hayward, Charles H. Allen, Edna Allen, John Lane and wife, Ebenezer Taft and wife, Dennis Halloran, Mary Kirby, the families of Jennie Tucker, Daniel Cunningham, Henry Moore, Francis R. Scisco, Henry Wilson (living in Spencer), and Walter S. Wilson (living in Athol) having a settlement in Mendon, Jonathan Pickering, having a settlement in Blackstone, Hannah K. Thompson and the family of Joseph H. Wood, belonging to Uxbridge, and the wife and child of Michael McNally, having no settlement in the state, have received a partial support.

March 2, 1884, the Overseers agreed with Davis Hill to board and take care of all who may require a full support for the year beginning April 1, 1883, for \$3 per week for each person so cared for. Also, agreed with James M. Staples to board Charles H. Allen for such labor as the said Allen might perform, for one year, beginning April 1, 1883. Also, agreed with Nancy S. Huse to board and clothe Edna Allen for the year ending April 1, 1884, for the sum of \$1 per week.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the town:

Balance from account of last year.....	\$51 10
Eight town orders.....	880 00
Wood, lumber and fowls sold.....	26 10
A. W. Judson, aid for Olive Hayward.....	99 50
Personal effects of Jonathan Pickering.....	16 34
Citizens of Mendon benefit Jonathan Pickering.....	5 50
Town of Blackstone for Jonathan Pickering.....	25 00
James M. Staples, cider apples.....	1 50
A. Freeman, grass on town farm.....	20 50
A. Freeman, cash for " ".....	310 00
Cash received from Dennis Halloran.....	81 47

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\$1517 01

The Overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts :

For support of	Elijah Penniman .....	\$151 55
"	" " Lawrence Wilber.....	155 20
"	" " Mary Hayward.....	111 65
"	" " Olive Hayward.....	111 65
"	" " Charles H. Allen....	30 55
"	" " Edna Allen.....	52 00
"	" " John Lane and wife.....	107 32
"	" " Ebenezer Taft and wife.....	119 00
"	" " Jennie Tucker's family.....	218 55
"	" " Daniel Cunningham's family.....	48 50
"	" " Mary Kirby.....	67 35
"	" " Dennis Halloran .....	81 47
"	" " Henry Moore.....	28 59
"	" " Francis R. Scisco.....	2 75
"	" " Henry Wilson.....	4 00
"	" " Jonathan Pickering.....	46 86
"	" " Mrs. Michael McNally.....	75 86
"	" " Joseph H. Wood.....	18 98
"	" " Hannah K. Thompson.....	3 00
Martin Thayer, care of tramps.....		2 00
C. B. Williams and L. Freeman, moving paupers and goods .....		4 00
A. S. Tuttle, furniture and bedding.....		24 19
Cook & Sons and G. W. Stacy, printing auction bills...		2 00
S. Warren Cook, auctioneer, two bills.....		6 50
L. Freeman, postage stamps and paper.....		1 25
L. Freeman, services as Overseer of the Poor.....		30 00
Gilbert Gaskill " " " " .....		8 00
H. E. Staples, " " " " .....		4 00
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		\$1516 77

Leaving a balance in hands of Overseers of .24

From the whole amount paid for support of poor..	\$1516 77
Deduct what was due for the support of the paupers to March 5, 1883.....	\$72 60
What has been received for Olive Hayward	99 50
What has been received for Jonathan Pick- ering .....	46 84
What has been received for D. Holleran....	81 47
Due from Commonwealth for Mrs. McNally and child.....	75 86
Due from Uxbridge for J. H. Wood and Mrs. Thompson.....	21 98

A. S. Tuttle, furniture and bedding.....	\$24 19	
S. W. Cook, two bills, auctioneer.....	6 50	
Cook & Sons and G. W. Stacy, two bills printing.....	2 00—	\$430 94
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		\$1085 83
Add what will be due for support of paupers to March 3, 1884.....		108 00
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Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending March 3, 1884.....		\$1193 83

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY FREEMAN, } Overseers  
GILBERT GASKILL, } of the Poor.

Mendon, Feb. 20, 1884.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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MENDON, FEBRUARY 20, 1884.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners and Collector of Taxes for the Town of Mendon, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched for.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,	}	Auditors.
AUSTIN A. TAFT,		
ANDREW W. JUDSON,		

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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TOWN OF MENDON TO DAVID ADAMS—DR.

To express paid on Mass. Reports and other.. public Documents.....	\$2 83
To postage paid on Elections, Registration and other returns .....	61
To cash paid for Stationery.....	25—\$3 69
 To attending State Election and Clerks' meet- ing (2 days) .....	 \$4 00
To recording, indexing and returning 21 births..	10 50
To recording, indexing and returning 18 deaths	3 60
To recording, indexing and returning 8 marriages	1 20—\$19 30
 Received for Dog Licenses during 1883.	
5 female dogs.....	\$25 00
52 male dogs.....	104 00—\$129 00
Less Clerk's fees.....	11 40
 Balance paid to the County Treasurer.....	 \$117 60

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1883.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1882.		
Feb. 26	*Ernest Waterman Russell	Thomas J. and Jennie M Russell
1883.		
Jan. 27	——— Lowery	Jas. R. and Amelia F. Lowery
Feb. 10	Jessie Florence Wheeler	Lyman E. and Susan I. Wheeler
Feb. 12	Anna Harriet Pond	Alex. V. G. and Julia E. Pond
Mar. 23	Annie Iola Wheeler	Fredr'k M. and Arabella Wheeler
Apr. 8	Mary Warren Allen	Charles H. and Myra C. Allen
Apr. 13	Robert Gerald Hoard	John F. and Mary Hoard
Apr. 18	Eliza Durkey Fletcher	Chas. A. and Emma F. Fletcher
Apr. 19	Richard Ellsworth Hazard	Harriet McNally
May 30	William Lennox	George and Bridget A. Lennox
June 29	Edith Gertrude Aldrich	Cassius M. and Mary H. Aldrich
July 7	Charles Nelson Parkhurst	Herb't A. and Celia A. Parkhurst
July 22	Joseph Lewis Parkhurst	Henry H. and Adaline Parkhurst
Aug. 5	Frank Ballantine	Frank S. and Emily S. Ballantine
Sept. 22	——— Snow	Erwin A. and Charlotte A. Snow
Oct. 1	——— Crawford	Hugh and Mary Crwford
Nov. 8	Still born	Walter A. and Hattie E. Gaskill
Nov. 19	Maud Amanda Taft	Jonathan R. and Amanda Taft
Dec. 19	——— Darling	George H. and Nancy Darling
Dec. 22	Still born	Edwin A. and Susan Scriven
Dec. 22	——— Williams	Charles B. and Ada A. Williams

\*Omitted last year.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1883.

DATE MARRIAGE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 24 1883.	George Homer Darling	Mendon
Jan. 24 "	Nancy Parkinson	Mendon
April 2 "	Michael McNally	Uxbridge
April 2 "	Harriet A. Sciscoe	Mendon
April 17 "	Benjamin F. Redfield	Northbridge
April 17 "	Harriet F. Ballou	Mendon
May 29 "	Fred Elihu Gould	Milford
May 29 "	Deborah Wilcox Southwick	Mendon
May 29 "	Arthur N. Whitney	Bellingham
May 29 "	Ada L. Jennison	Mendon
June 14 "	John C. F. Wheelock	Mendon
June 14 "	Myrtie Williams	Mendon
Oct. 22 "	Thomas F. Scully	Woonsocket, R. I.
Oct. 22 "	Roxanna McKenna	Mendon
Oct. 23 "	Richard P. Madden	Mendon
Oct. 23 "	Sarah Cheney	Mendon

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1883.

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DATE DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 19, 1883.	Louisa S. Wood,	60	Mendon
Jan. 27 "	——— Lowery	—	Mendon
March 16 "	Anna Maria Macker	1-4	Mendon
April 9 "	Charles D. Thayer	22	Mendon
April 12 "	Auburn Gasskill	31	Mendon
April 21 "	Mary S. Reynolds	78	Mendon
May 4 "	Julia A. Norton	69	Mendon
May 9 "	Thomas J. Cross	22	Mendon
July 5 "	Christopher Daniels	73	Mendon
July 29 "	Joseph M. Wood	40	Milford
Aug. 18 "	Jonathan Pickering	65	Mendon
Aug. 18 "	Robert Gerald Hoard	1-3	Mendon
Aug. 21 "	John S. Gaskill	75	Mendon
Nov. 17 "	Henry E. Staples	49	Mendon

The following named persons were former residents of Mendon, but died elsewhere and were brought here for interment.

Jan. 18 1883.	Melinda Cook	77	Bellingham
Aug. 11 "	Waity Taft	84	Framingham
Aug. 20 "	Anna W. Hastings	63	Worcester
Dec. 19 "	Delilah O. Aldrich	78	Millville (Blackstone)

DAVID ADAMS, Town Clerk.

Mendon, Feb. 18, 1884.

### THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The Trustees are gratified to be able to report that the institution continues to be a flourishing one. The Board of Trustees reorganized April 21, 1883. After the end of the Library year, February 2, the Trustees examined the books and found them all accounted for and in good condition.

Miss Mary E. Dudley, the Librarian, has discharged the duties of her office, during the past year, very acceptably to all parties interested, and, fortunately for all who make use of the Library, the Trustees have been able to secure her services for the same position, for the ensuing year, at the same salary of \$50 per annum.

The Purchasing Committee have purchased, during the year, new books to the amount of \$75.09, and in the selection of the same have endeavored to consult the tastes of all classes of readers, so far as the limited means at their disposal would allow.

The Trustees take pleasure in reporting that the promise of one year ago has been fulfilled, and the fence around the Library grounds has been erected and painted. The inhabitants of Mendon are under an additional obligation to Mrs. Susan E. Huston, for the gift of a tasteful iron arch, placed over the gateway to the Library grounds and furnished with a lantern, the bright light from which, on dark winter evenings, serves to guide to the Library door the footsteps of those who seek to utilize the donor's original gift.

During the year, a number of individuals have contributed books to the Library, as will be seen by the Librarian's report; to these, and to all who have in any way aided in making the Library useful and attractive, we tender our grateful thanks.

The appropriation of \$150, the same sum as last year, is recommended

JULIUS A. GEORGE, Chairman,  
HORACE C. ADAMS, Secretary,  
SAMUEL H. TAFT, Treasurer,  
GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,  
EDWARD DIXON,

*Trustees Taft Public Library.*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY :

I respectfully submit for your consideration the following report :

The Library opened for the delivery of books, February 10, 1883. The whole number of books borrowed up to the first of February, 1884 (fifty-one weeks), was 5,172, viz: Agriculture, 47; Biography, 276; History, 327; Travel, 345; Education, 101; Poetry, 77; Miscellaneous, 191; Novels, 3,279; Periodicals, 529. Sixty-three and one-half per cent. of those taken were works of fiction, two per cent. less than last year. The average number borrowed each library day was a fraction more than 101. The smallest number taken any day was 66, and the largest number 160. The whole number of borrowers during the library year was 322.

According to the seventh rule, the books were called in for the annual examination on the first Saturday of February, and every book was returned at that time, with the exception of four, which the librarian is satisfied will be returned in due time. They are all in good condition, and none need rebinding at present. Fines for the detention of books beyond the specified time, and cards sold, amount to \$10.36. There is due a fine of 50 cents for failure to return a book for examination last year, and four fines of 50 cents each for the above failures this year. During the year, twenty have taken books for reading and reference in the library room. Twelve have consulted the library in reference to lyceum work, and three have taken out books under special rule for disputants. Rev. Mr. Porter has availed himself of the privilege given him of access to the library, fifteen times.

The number of books purchased for the Library was 70 volumes; 253 bound books, 239 periodicals, and 78 pamphlets have been donated. Mrs. Charlotte A. Mann, 198 volumes, 38 pamphlets; James H. Cunnabell, 25 volumes; the Town of Mendon, 15 volumes; Hon. W. W. Rice, 7 volumes; two volumes each by Dr. Gideon Dickinson and Henry Pierce; one volume each by Hon. Theodore Lyman, S. W. Ferguson and the School Committee; Department of the Interior, 1 volume, 11 pamphlets; Rev. George F.

Clark, 28 pamphlets ; Franklin R. Rice, 1 pamphlet ; Mrs. Mary D. Bartlett, 47 periodicals ; the Mendon Book Club, 192 periodicals, of which 24 volumes have been bound out of the Library funds.

In July a supplemental catalogue of the books and pamphlets added to the Library since August 1, 1881, was printed.

A portrait of Dr. J. G. Metcalf has been presented to the Library.

The number of bound volumes is 1,961 ; pamphlets, 182.

Seven supplemental catalogues have been given to donors of books.

Six hundred and thirty books have been covered.

MARY E. DUDLEY, Librarian.

Mendon, February 7, 1884.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library, respectfully submits the following report for the year ending February 2, 1884.

The Treasurer charges himself with the following sums :

Balance from last year's accounts.....	\$ 13 75
From Mrs. Susan E. Huston (gift).....	100 00
Rec'd on two orders of Selectmen .....	135 00
From the Librarian for fines collected and cards sold.....	10 46
	\$259 21

He credits himself by paying the following sums :

William H. Hooker for building fence.....	\$100 00
Wm. B. Clark & Carruth, 2 bills, for books and binding..	84 49
Mary E. Dudley, as Librarian .....	50 00
Sundries.....	4 15
G. B. Williams, for books.....	6 00
	\$244 64

Making a balance in my hands due the Trustees of.....	\$14 57
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SAMUEL H. TAFT.

Mendon, March 3d, 1884.

Examined, found correct and properly vouched for

EDWARD DIXON, }  
G. B. WILLIAMS, } Auditors.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
UNDER DIRECTION OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE  
TOWN OF MENDON,  
FOR THE YEAR 1883-4.



MILFORD, MASS.:  
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## REPORT.

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FELLOW CITIZENS.—In accordance with the law requiring the annual report of the condition of schools, it becomes my duty to submit to you the report for the year ending April 30, 1884, and in compliance with the vote of the town, to cause it to be printed with the town report, although there are two schools—High and Albeeville still in session.

Throughout the year, all the schools, with the exception of the South, and West in the Fall term, have been taught by experienced teachers, most of whom taught the same schools last year.

The parents, so far as your superintendent knows, are satisfied with the teachers who have been employed. A little dissatisfaction existed among some of the parents relative to the High school in the Fall term, but that has, apparently, given way to a better feeling.

Being newly-appointed to office at the commencement of the year, I am unable to speak of the work done since then, in comparison with what has been done before; but the progress of the schools, generally, during the year, does credit to both scholars and teachers.

A short review of the different schools, with remarks on their progress and condition, is here presented.

### NORTH SCHOOL—MISS MARY L. TAFT, TEACHER.

This school, one of the largest in town, has been well taught by Miss Taft—an industrious, persevering and competent teacher. Commendable progress has been made by the scholars, especially in the Fall term, and they appeared more interested in their work and more prompt in their recitations as the year advanced. In the Winter term, this was indeed a difficult school to govern, and great credit is due the teacher for maintaining the discipline of the school.

### CENTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL—MISS ISABEL C. COOK, TEACHER.

This school continues to exhibit its usual approved condition. Orderly and well advanced in all its studies, it bears evidence of quiet but persistent application on the part of the teacher. A class was sent into this school from the Primary in the Fall.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL—MISS MARY E. DUDLEY, TEACHER.

This is the largest in town the High school excepted. It has been excellently well taught, and has made great progress throughout the year. The teacher is devoted to her work, and her scholars seem to be very much attached to her. By her judicious management, the next class that enters the Grammar school will be a large one.

## SOUTH SCHOOL—MISS BERTHA GASKILL, TEACHER.

Miss Gaskill has taught this school throughout the year in a satisfactory manner. Her methods of teaching are good; and although this is the first school she has had charge of, it is evident that experience is all that is necessary for her to become a successful teacher.

## EAST SCHOOL—MISS CORA E. GASKILL, TEACHER.

Miss Gaskill has taught this school during the year, with the exception of four days—on account of sickness—when a substitute was provided by her to finish the Fall term. The scholars manifest great interest in their work, and there is so much energy in the school, as conducted by Miss Gaskill, that it seems impossible for it to contain a dull scholar. It is a fortunate community that has such a school in charge of so competent a teacher.

## WEST SCHOOL—MISS ANNIE W. GASKILL, TEACHER.

Miss Gaskill taught this school in the Spring, but could not be induced to teach it the next term. Miss Hattie E. Mason of Uxbridge was engaged for the fall term. This young lady possessed many requisites of a good teacher, but lacked experience. Miss Gaskill was prevailed upon to teach again in the Winter term, much to the satisfaction of all interested. Remarkable progress was made by the school, and Miss Gaskill is highly commended for her perseverance in raising the grade of this school above the average.

## ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL—MISS DORA TAFT, TEACHER.

This school was taught in the Spring term by Mr. W. Frank Hayward. The committee being unable to secure the same teacher for the next term, engaged Miss Taft for the remainder of the year. Miss Taft, who has taught this school before, is a strict disciplinarian, conscientious in her work and earnestly desires to promote the prosperity of the school. But the scholars, with few exceptions, are backward in their studies, and as a school, it falls considerably below the average. Why this is so, it is difficult to determine, and the school committee would gladly co-operate with the parents in any plan that would contribute to the good of the school. It is earnestly desired that this subject be given the consideration it de-

serves, as it is evident that better results might be attained if the right influence were brought to bear on the school.

It is to be regretted that during the Winter term that dreaded disease, scarlet fever, became prevalent in this part of the town. As soon as the nature of the disease became known, the school was promptly closed by the committee.

A grave responsibility rests upon those in a community who first become aware of the presence of a contagious disease. In all cases, the proper authorities should be notified at once. In the present case, there was an apparent delinquency.

#### HIGH SCHOOL—MR. S. W. FERGUSON, TEACHER.

Mr. Bosworth having positively declined to teach this school the present year, Mr. S. W. Ferguson of Fitchburg was engaged by the committee.

Mr. Ferguson has had eight years experience in teaching, and came highly recommended. He is very enthusiastic in his work and labors hard for the prosperity of the school. It has been his especial aim to make the school room as attractive as possible, and never has it presented so comfortable an appearance before as it has this year.

Vocal music is taught by Prof. W. M. Broad of Uxbridge, the school bearing the expense. One lesson, of about an hour's duration, is given each week. This takes the place of two, and sometimes three, recitations; but any scholar who does not wish to take the vocal lesson, may recite his regular lessons to Mr. Ferguson instead.

A class of fifteen scholars from the other schools was admitted in the Fall. All were obliged to enter existing classes. The number of classes was reduced from sixteen to ten, and all scholars were required to take, at least, three studies besides Reading.

Writing and Spelling are taught in connection with all other studies.

A regular course of study for this school should be prescribed by the school committee, and the scholars *compelled* to pursue the course prescribed. By this means, a great deal of time might be saved that will otherwise be wasted in forming classes. Under the present method (?) it sometimes takes two weeks to do what ought to be done in two days. That there has been a prescribed "course of study" for seven years, is perhaps forgotten by most people; but the fact that there were sixteen classes in the school last year, and not all the studies required by the "course," shows little regard has been paid to it. Because one "course of study" is found impracticable, is no reason why another should not be tried.

On account of the prevalence of scarlet fever in Albeeville, it was thought advisable to stop this school for a short time to see if any of the scholars who had been exposed to the disease would be unfortunate enough to have contracted it. At the expiration of a

week, there being no new cases, school was again commenced, and has since continued without interruption.

#### STUDIES.

At the commencement of the year, History, one of the studies required by law, was taught only in the East school. It has since been introduced into all the schools except the South. The classes formed appear to take great interest in this study, and remarkable progress has been made by some of the classes, especially those in the East and Grammar schools. In the Primary it is taught orally, in connection with the study of Geography, making the recitation a very pleasing and instructive one.

Drawing, another study required by law, was taught only in the East and Primary schools at the commencement of the year. This study having been neglected for the last two or three years, and there being no demand for books, those which remained on hand were of an old edition and are not now published. After considerable trouble and delay in effecting a change, the agent procured some of the requisite numbers of the new edition, and the study is now in all the schools.

Great improvement has been made in Reading by the scholars of the High school and the first class in the Grammar. The beginners in Reading in the Primary school, also, showed careful training, but generally the methods of instruction in this study do not obtain the desired results. More attention should be given this important study. More attention has been given this year to writing. Still more might be given profitably, for this is a writing age, and good positions are sometimes unattainable by persons whose penmanship is bad, which might easily be obtained by good writers. Mr. Ferguson has paid considerable attention to the hand-writing of his scholars, and their examination papers show remarkable improvement both in penmanship and neatness. Some very good specimens were seen in most of the schools, the East and North schools furnishing the best.

More attention should be given composition and letter writing, even if some of the regular recitations are omitted.

#### VOCAL MUSIC.

“Of all the fine arts,” says Bain, “the most available and influential is music. This is perhaps the most unexceptionable as well as the cheapest of human pleasures.”

The influence of the singing in the High school has extended through all the studies, and what theoretical knowledge of music the scholar gains is nothing compared with the gain in other directions. Teachers of elocution require their pupils to practice the musical scale—not for the sake of acquiring a theoretical knowledge of its formation, but as an aid in giving purity and flexibility to the voice. One great fault with the reading in our High school has been the

bad articulation. At the Fall examination of this school, it was conceded that the scholars read more distinctly than they had for several years. If one hour a week given to singing will improve our scholars in reading as much as it has in the High school, it would be a good idea for the school committee to require it taught in all our schools; for in no study are the scholars as deficient as in reading. Mr. Broad's method of teaching singing is the correct one. The proper position of the body, the right management of the breath, the production of the tone with open mouth, are the points which have a bearing on all recitations; and on these points, principally, the scholars are drilled. The knowledge of the theory of music is of secondary importance in our public schools. So far as I know, the parents of the scholars are well pleased with the vocal lessons.

#### TEXT BOOKS.

Harper's Series of Geographies have been adopted this year, in place of the Eclectic Series. This was a very desirable change, as the maps in Harper's are considered greatly superior to those in the Eclectic, the questions seem to be selected with greater care, and the books can be bought much cheaper. Scott's Histories have been adopted in place of Quackenbos'. One set of Supplementary Readers has been purchased for each school except the High. They supply a want long felt by the teachers, and have been used with good results.

#### TEACHERS' WAGES.

That we pay our teachers very low wages, must be apparent to anybody who will examine the statistical table.

The following taken from the last Annual Report of Board of Education gives the average wages per month paid female teachers in Mendon and the surrounding towns:

Mendon .....	\$24 00
Bellingham .....	31 14
Uxbridge.....	31 50
Blackstone .....	32 00
Upton .....	33 54
Milford .....	38 85
Northbridge .....	42 68

This proves conclusively that if we are obliged to go out of town for our teachers, we must take those that the surrounding towns do not want. Would that be true economy? Because we have good teachers in town who can work cheaper because they can board at home a part of or all the week, is it true economy to make them work for as small a sum as possible? Under the present appropriation it is impossible to pay an experienced teacher any more than would be paid a beginner; and the wages are so low now that when the committee for the West school wanted a teacher for the Fall

\* term, he was obliged to take one who had had no experience in teaching.

Seven years ago the town appropriation for the public schools was \$1700, and the town debt twice as much as it is now. It is hoped, therefore, that the town appropriation for public schools will be increased to \$1500 this year, so that the school committee may be enabled to increase the salary of an experienced teacher, if necessary, in order to retain her services, and yet keep within the appropriation.

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## ROLL OF HONOR.

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Exhibiting the names of scholars who have attended school one or more terms during the year without being absent or tardy.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

#### FALL TERM.

Mary L. Aldrich.	Emma E. Aldrich.
Mary Bennett.	Adaline Davenport.
A. Josephine Gaskill.	Evelyn J. Nutter.
Lizzie Quigley.	Silas Taft.
Mary E. Grady.	

#### WINTER TERM,

Mary L. Aldrich.	Emma E. Aldrich.
Florence H. Taft.	Florence H. Towne.
John T. Morris.	Silas Taft.

FOUR YEARS.—Mary L. Aldrich, Emma E. Aldrich.

FIVE YEARS.—Silas Taft. Four years in lower grade. As the High School is now in session, the Record is to date.

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### NORTH SCHOOL.

#### SPRING.

Annie Quigley.	Jennie L. Nutter.
Alice Quigley.	Mary L. Quigley.
Evelyn J. Nutter.	Nettie E. Nutter.
Grace G. Nutter.	J. Grace Taft.
Julia A. Grady.	James Quigley.
A. Dwight Davenport.	

## FALL.

Annie Quigley.	Alice Quigley.
B. Annie Scriven.	Gertude Nutter.
Julia A. Grady,	Jennie L. Nutter.
Mabel P. Ballou.	Nettie Nutter.
Medora A. Davenport.	Martin Grady.
James Quigley.	Newton Nutter.
John Grady.	

## WINTER.

Medora A. Davenport.	Julia A. Grady.
Jennie L. Nutter.	Annie Quigley.
Alice Quigley.	Martin Grady.
Newton Nutter.	

The year. Annie Quigley, Alice Quigley, Julia A. Grady, Jennie L. Nutter.

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

## SPRING.

Nettie F. Beals.	Minnie D. Gaskill.
Minnie M. Kimball.	Nellie M. Nugent.
Florence H. Towne.	William L. Beals.
Fred H. Brown.	Percy T. Kinsley.
John M. Towne.	Paul Williams.

## FALL.

Nellie M. Kelly.	Sarah J. Kelly.
Minnie M. Kimball.	Mary A. Moores.
Emily S. Moores.	Nellie M. Nugent.
Grace F. Smith.	Lena M. Wheeler.
Fred H. Brown.	John M. Towne.
Paul Williams.	

## WINTER.

Minnie D. Gaskill.	Minnie M. Kimball.
Emily S. Moores.	Percy T. Kinsley.
John M. Towne.	

The year. Minnie M. Kimball, John M. Towne, Emily S. Moores\*.

\*One term in Primary.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL.

## SPRING.

Emily S. Moores.	Abigail Taft.
Lillie B. Wheeler.	Annie Barry.
Harry C. Cook.	Arthur S. Kinsley.
Maurice Nugent.	John P. Moores.
Clarence A. Taft.	Ernest L. Tucker.
Morton A. Holbrook.	Martin Nugent.
Archibald Gunn.	Clarence Moores.

## FALL.

Abigal Taft.  
 Lillie B. Wheeler.  
 Arthur S. Kinsley.  
 Ernest L. Tucker.  
 Everet Darling.  
 Clarence Moores.

| Annie M. Kelly.  
 | Harold A. Wheeler.  
 | F. Mason Kinsley.  
 | Clarence A. Taft.  
 | Martin Nugent.  
 | William Nugent.

## WINTER.

Abigail Taft.  
 Sumner Butler.  
 Morton A. Holbrook.  
 John P. Moores.  
 Ernest L. Tucker.

| Florence E. Snow.  
 | Everett Darling.  
 | F. Mason Kinsley.  
 | Clarence Moores.

The year. Abigail Taft, Clarence Moores, Ernest L. Tucker.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

## SPRING.

Agnes H. Aldrich,

## WINTER.

Charlotte A. Allen.  
 Francis A. Bebo.

| Mary E. Allen.  
 | Irving E. Pearson.

## EAST SCHOOL.

## SPRING.

J. Stuart Cox.  
 William M. Wood.  
 Minnie F. Bicknell.  
 Mary A. Bates.  
 Bertha L. Sprague.

| Russell E. Bates.  
 | Oscar A. Newhall.  
 | Sarah A. Howe.  
 | Marion E. Howe.  
 | Bertha V. Horton.

## FALL.

J. Stuart Cox.  
 Oscar A. Newhall.  
 Katie M. Wood.  
 Minnie M. Barrows.  
 Hannah S. Gaskill.

| Herbert O. Barrows.  
 | Minnie F. Bicknell.  
 | Sarah A. Howe.  
 | Anna M. Staples.

## WINTER.

J. Stuart Cox.  
 Herbert O. Barrows.  
 Jesse L. Bates.  
 Marion E. Howe.

| Clifton E. Bates.  
 | Oscar A. Newhall.  
 | Minnie M. Barrows.

The year. Oscar A. Newhall. Two years. J. Stuart Cox.

## WEST SCHOOL.

## SPRING.

Lewis L. Wood.	Samuel W. Wood.
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## FALL.

Annie B. Aldrich.	Nancy C. Wood.
Edwin M. Aldrich.	Waldo M. Thayer.

## WINTER.

Ruth B. Cornwell.	Nancy C. Wood.
Waldo M. Thayer.	Lewis L. Wood.
Samuel W. Wood.	

## ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL.

## SPRING.

May Richardson.	Bertha F. Albee.
Cora Taft.	Hattie F. Albee.
Silas Taft.	Harry E. Richardson.

## FALL.

Bertha F. Albee.	Cora Taft.
Alice J. O'Sullivan.	Estine Taft.
Blanche B. O'Sullivan.	Bertha B. O'Sullivan.
Harry E. Richardson.	Hattie F. Albee.
Frank E. Crawford.	James H. Morris.
James E. O'Sullivan.	

Comparing the statistical table with that of last year, it will be found that the percentage of attendance is about the same this year for the corresponding time of last. Probably the attendance for the rest of the term of the Albeeville school will bring the percentage for the year below that of last year. There are not quite so many tardy marks this year as last. Miss Bicknell, a scholar belonging to the East school, was unfortunately three minutes late one afternoon. But for this one tardy mark, she would have a perfect record of attendance for five years. The percentage of attendance is highest in the East school and lowest in the South.

EDWARD DIXON, SUPERINTENDENT.

SAMUEL H. TAFT, Chairman,  
EDWARD DIXON, Secretary,  
WILLIAM W. NELSON,  
JOHN C. WOOD,  
FREDERIC BATES,  
LOWELL C. COOK,

*School Committee.*

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in Months.	Teachers Wages per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number of Tardinesses.	Roll of Honor.	Number of School- ars under five.	Number of School- ars over fifteen.	Amount paid Teachers.	Fuel and care of Fires.	Exchange of Books.	Repairs and Supplies.
High.	Fall.	S. W. Ferguson....	3	\$55	38	36.93	96	61	9		19			54.86	
	Winter.	" ".....	3	55	37						18				
North.	Spring.	Mary L. Taft. ....	2¼	24	31	29.02	94	9	12	1			19.50		9.27*
	Fall.	" ".....	2¼	24	25	24.12	97	24	13						
	Winter.	" ".....	2½	28	27	25.83	94	41	7	2		178.00			3.87
Grammar.	Spring.	Isabel C. Cook.....	2	24	23	22.62	95	2	10						
	Fall.	" ".....	2½	24	20	20	98	2	11						
	Winter.	" ".....	2½	28	20	19.25	94	3	5			178.00			
Primary.	Spring.	Mary E Dudley.....	2	24	36	33.47	89	14	14				46.60		12.43
	Fall.	" ".....	2½	24	42	36.15	92	17	12	3					
	Winter.	" ".....	2½	28	31	28.05	89	12	9			178.00			
South.	Spring.	Bertha Gaskill.....	2½	20	10	8.71	89	11	1	1			20.87		.87
	Fall.	" ".....	2½	20	13	12.83	93	16							
	Winter.	" ".....	2	20	16	15.37	83	42	4			140.00			
East.	Spring.	Cora E. Gaskill ...	2½	24	20	19.25	98	3	10				10.60		
	Fall.	" ".....	2	24	20	19.02	95		9		1	178.00			
	Winter.	" ".....	2½	28	19	18.21	96	5	7						
West.	Spring.	Annie W. Gaskill.	2½	20	16	14.28	95	11	2	2			11.25		
	Fall.	Hattie E. Mason....	2½	20	13	12.1	93	3	4						
	Winter.	Annie W. Gaskill..	2	20	14	13	93	8	5	1		140.00			1.43
Albeeville.	Spring.	W. Frank Hayward	2	24	26	24.5	90	14	6						
	Fall.	Dora Taft.....	2½	24	30	27.54	95	23	11	1			9.00		
	Winter.	" ".....	2½	28	33										59.

\* For all the schools.

† Including cost of woodshed.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RESOURCES.

Amount unexpended, April 30, 1883.....	\$102 17
Town appropriation for 1883.....	1300 00
Income from dog tax.....	101 84
Received from school fund .....	220 93
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Amount .....	\$1,724 94

### EXPENDED.

Teachers' wages † .....	\$1500 00
Fuel and care of fires.....	117 82
Apparatus, from school fund.....	17 76
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	\$1,635 58
Balance in Treasury.....	89 36
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	\$1,724 94

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† Including what will be due the teachers of High and Albeeville schools for the remainder of the term.

## TOWN WARRANT.

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WORCESTER, ss.—To the Constable of the Town of Mendon, in  
the County of Worcester, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, in said Mendon, on MONDAY, the third day of March, next, punctually, at ten o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz. :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and bridges in said town the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see if the town will require the school committee annually to appoint a Superintendent of schools.

ART. 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen, or make any alterations in the same.

ART. 8. To see what measures, if any, the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to continue the High School.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year commencing March 3d, 1884, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

ART. 11. To see what measures, if any, by borrowing money or otherwise, the town will take for the redemption of town bonds maturing during the municipal year commencing March 3d, 1884.

ART. 12. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 13. To order and prescribe by vote of the town the manner in which meetings of the town for elections and town business shall hereafter be called and notified.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to sell any of its land to John Barry, or act in any way in relation to such sale.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize and direct the alteration and reconstruction of the stairs and entrance to the Town hall, or act in any way in relation to the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize and direct special repairs on the road leading from the house of Dr. J. G. Metcalf to Milford town line, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or otherwise act in relation to such repairs.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At the post-office, and on the door of the school-house in Albeeville, and at the post-office at South Milford.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen of Mendon.
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	

A true copy.—Attest:

Constable of Mendon.



